

Riverside  
Maidenhead  
23 Oct. 1856

Gentlemen

I ~~have~~ had <sup>not</sup> the  
slightest notion of injuring  
your interests: on the contrary  
I ~~am~~ <sup>have ever been</sup> anxious to do all in  
my power to aid <sup>promote</sup> them.

You may remember  
that I ~~first~~ offered you the  
book, consisting mainly of Cole-  
ridges' lectures: you, at once,  
declined it, and it was <sup>afterwards</sup> ac-  
cepted, ~~on my own terms~~, by  
Chapman & Hall. I shall ~~not~~  
receive <sup>nothing</sup> ~~one penny~~ for it, ~~unless~~

~~it be reprinted, and perhaps  
not then.~~

The List of Emendations  
is a mere list, without a word  
of context or explanation: it  
was <sup>entirely</sup> an after-thought with me,  
because I <sup>found</sup> thought that (le-  
ridges' lectures and my Preface  
would not be enough for a  
volume.

You are, of course, aware  
that I sold you the liberty of  
printing & publishing 3000 copies  
of the One-volume Shakespeare,  
containing the <sup>Notes &c</sup> Emendations in  
my corrected folio, 1632. That  
is now fully three years ago;  
and if the matter had occurred  
to me, I should have thought  
that by this time you would  
have sold the whole of that  
impression. You were so confi-  
dent regarding the sale of it,



that you paid no attention to  
my suggestion, that 3000 copies  
<sup>might possibly</sup> ~~would~~ over-stock the market.

So far from meaning  
to treat you <sup>unhandsonely</sup> ~~unhandsonely~~, my  
course was <sup>intentionally</sup> the very reverse;  
for I was anxious that your  
house should publish every-  
thing I had written or contem-  
plated. I was <sup>therefore</sup> much disap-  
pointed when your negative  
to my Cluridge's lectures arrived.  
Your reply was so decisive ~~on~~  
~~the point~~ that it precluded any  
remonstrance ~~on my part~~.

I did not know, till  
yesterday, that the lectures  
had been advertised. I am

Gentlemen

Yours very faithfully, and  
much obliged,

J. Payne Collier

Messrs. Whittaker & Co.

My dear friend  
I have just received  
your letter of the 11th inst.  
and am very glad to hear  
from you. I am well and  
hope this finds you the same.  
I have been thinking of you  
very much lately and  
wondering how you are  
getting on. I hope you are  
happy and contented.  
I have been very busy lately  
but I have managed to find  
some time to write to you.  
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